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King's Health Partners Cardiovascular *Operational integration*



Integration work continues swiftly, as we progress towards the ***one team, two sites*** vision for King's Health Partners Cardiovascular.

This briefing aims to keep you informed of operational integration across [King's Health Partners Cardiovascular](#). We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

KHP and RBH update

Since 2017, King's Health Partners and Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust have been working together to develop plans to transform care for people with heart and lung disease.

On 30 January, Guy's and St Thomas' and Royal Brompton & Harefield released a joint statement regarding plans for closer working, bringing our clinical academic expertise together to deliver the best outcomes and improve the health and wellbeing of up to 15 million children and adults.

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Planning for our integrated future

Integration across King's Health Partners Cardiovascular continues through clinical pathway and process alignment, cross site working, joint research and education. The next phase of integration will focus on linked operational planning and management of services, creating a joint cardiovascular business unit across sites.

As agreed by the Cardiovascular Clinical Academic Group (CAG) executive team, this means the development of an integrated management structure to enable this future concept. Initially, this will start with a new senior leadership post, the [KHP](#)

within the programme, with greater efficiencies in management and oversight of programme resources.

Both recruitment to this new post and a clear vision for joint structures and working will unite our directorates at an accelerated pace towards the vision for world class cardiovascular services.

Improving multi disciplinary team working

Audio-visual equipment will be installed in the wet lab at KCH this month, allowing the shared space to fulfil two functions. Once installed, KHP colleagues to more easily hold MDT meetings in a virtual space. It is envisaged that St George's Hospital will be linked in future, creating a network of clinical expertise across south London.

Refreshed KHP Cardiovascular website

We invite you to review the expanded pages of the [KHP Cardiovascular website](#). Here you'll find up-to-date information on our clinical achievements, education and training, research and innovation, and partnership with the Royal Brompton and Harefield.



If you believe anything is out of date, or if you have something you'd like to add, just [let us know](#).

Select workstream updates

Following are a few key highlights from the workstreams. [Contact us](#) for more details.

Improving referrals

Clinicians and managers in cardiology across King's Health Partners Cardiovascular, supported by South East London ICS and Lambeth and Southwark CCGs, have been working hard to ensure that the right patients are seen in the right clinic, by the right clinician, first time, every time. Clinicians are now carrying out enhanced clinical triage for GP referrals via e-RS across most sub-specialties to ensure that patients are booked into appointments in the most appropriate clinic according to their clinical needs.

The work has included rewriting and aligning the directory of services (DoS), which is a central directory that provides information to GPs about available services and the inclusion and exclusion criteria for referral to outpatient clinics. An important change to note is that general cardiology has been renamed to interventional cardiology to ensure referrals reach the right team faster. The team have developed a DoS with referral and exclusion criteria for it, as well. The new DoSs have been uploaded onto e-RS and communications are in place to embed this work in primary care.



We are delighted to announce the publication of two agreed pathways in atrial fibrillation for use across KHP and south London:

- [AF primary care pathway](#) – Intended to support decision making and improve referrals for primary care
- [AF secondary care outpatient pathway](#) – To improve referrals for patients entering specialist care

Events and education

Leg ulcer pathway launch - 26 February

The South East Vascular Network (SEVN) will launch a new treatment pathway, including vascular referral process, for the management of new, existing and recurring leg ulcer patients. The SEVN has supported a dedicated team of vascular consultants and nurses, tissue viability and community nurses who have created this clinical pathway and campaign through a two-year programme and audit.



The 26 February workshop will examine the clinical, health and economic impacts of the pathway, as well as practical demonstration in leg ulcer and wound care management. Join the team from 19:00-20:45 (light supper from 18:00) at the St Thomas' site. *This event and audit is supported by Boston Scientific.*

[Register your place online.](#)

Advanced cardiology practice by clinical echo cases - 3 April course

[Registration is open](#) for the 3 April short course, *Advanced cardiology practice by clinical echo cases*, which will showcase physiologist-led echocardiography services across King's Health Partners, and cover the following:

- Heart valve disease- assessment and management
- Cardiomyopathies and heart failure - assessment and management
- ACHD – spot the diagnosis, clinical cases

Accreditation from the BSE is pending. Enquiries may be directed to [David Hardy](#).

[Details \(including agenda\) and registration](#) are available online.

KHP Vascular Away Day

Resources are now available from the 21 January [KHP Vascular away day](#), which offered discussions by clinicians, allied health professionals, nursing, finance, the clinical networks, and a mindfulness session.

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